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Hunterdon Land Trust Documentaries Highlight Stewardship Efforts

RARITAN TOWNSHIP – If a single photo tells a story of one thousand words, does a video – a streaming collection of many thousands of images – tell a story without end?

That’s certainly the hope as the Hunterdon Land Trust debuts two mini-documentaries on its YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/hunterdonlandtrust.

In *Hunterdon Land Trust: The Dvoor Farm – A Model Restoration*, viewers learn about the Land Trust’s efforts to steward the wetlands and the Walnut Brook at its Dvoor Farm headquarters, watch the transformation of an abandoned wagon shed into a rustic classroom, and get a better understanding of what drives the Trust to host the ambitious Land Trust Farmers’ Market, which draws upwards of 1,000 visitors to nearly each session.

The second video, *Caring for Special Places*, highlights recent work done by the Land Trust and volunteers at the Quakertown Preserve, where a man-made pond was removed to make way for wetlands essential to native wildlife and plants; the Zega-Lockatong Preserve, where a berm was shored up to protect the Lockatong Creek; and the Tom Saeger Preserve, where 800 native trees were planted.



The videos demonstrate land management strategies that combat threats to water quality in the region. “The videos showcase the never-ending work carried out unflinchingly by volunteers and staffers who believe to their core that the mission of the Hunterdon Land Trust – protecting the places we love – is more than a mere motto; it’s a way of life,” said Patricia Ruby, executive director of the Hunterdon Land Trust. “We hope they will inspire others to join us in caring for the special lands that we call home”.

All of this work helps to forward the goals of the National Park Service’s Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic Program, which aims to protect the remarkable natural, historic and recreational resources that earned this stretch of the river the Wild and Scenic designation.

Funded by a grant from The Watershed Institute – A Program of the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, the two videos are the first in what Ruby hopes will become a series intent on documenting a way of life that is fast disappearing from the American landscape, but that remains alive and well in Hunterdon County, in no small part due to the ardent support, financial and physical, of countless benefactors and volunteers.

Future videos will spotlight the Land Trust’s preservation and stewardship efforts throughout Hunterdon County, the history of the Dvoor Farm, and the Trust’s 20th anniversary, which the nonprofit organization celebrates this year.

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